

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015
Conference Room, Lumpkin County Administration Building

Board Members in attendance: Jim Curtis, Donna Gessell, Jason Cox, Jim Higdon, JoAnne Taylor, John Gaston, Kathy Crafton, J. B. Jones, Wyman Walden

Associate Members/Guests in attendance: Joy Edelberg, Sean Phipps, Sami Williams & Martha Zoller (Senator Purdue), Tate O'Rourke (Senator Isakson)

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Curtis at 9:00 am

Motion to approve agenda: J. B. Jones. Second: Kathy Crafton. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January 20, 2015 minutes: Jim Higdon. Second: Jason Cox. Motion carried.

Welcome new member Wyman Walden.

Welcome visitors from Senators Isakson's and Purdue's offices

Associate Members Reports:

Water Authority Director Sean Phipps reported the 400 Production Well will be online within a week strengthening the 400 service area. He reported the Authority had received the contract documents for the GEFA loan to install an elevated water tank in the 400 area. Sean informed the board that the deadline for submitting pre-applications for GEFA projects is 1/30. Let him know if there is a sewer related project needed so he can submit to GEFA. One potential project Sean mentioned was the possibility of looping from Welch Rd back to Burnt Stand Rd and eventually extending into Meadow Brook S/D.

Chairman Curtis appointed Kathy Crafton, J. B. Jones and Jason Cox to nominating committee to recommend officers for 2015.

Financials – Kathy Crafton reported no significant issues with the financial reports. Motion to accept financial reports: Jim Higdon. Second: JoAnne Taylor. Motion carried.

2015 Budget – motion to approve 2015 budget Jason Cox. Second: Donna Gessell. Motion carried.

Executive Directors report – Steve reported that the contractor on the Arcadia project is in the design stage. We would like to have an official ground breaking in 30 to 60 days weather permitting. Will be installing a sign "Future home of Arcadia Louvered Roofs".

Steve reported the Louver Shop has indicated they need a building plus natural gas and sewer.

The Fieldale property is being evaluated as an indoor gun range and as a church. If it becomes a church it will come off tax rolls. Steak n Shake still in the works.

Chairman Curtis encouraged everyone to attend the conference in Gainesville on the 30th. Free conference discussion economic development financing and other issues. Must register to attend.

Motion to adjourn: Jason Cox. Second: JoAnne Taylor. Meeting adjourned at 9:50am.

Approved